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SUBJ: SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE INDEPENDENCE NEGOTIATIONS

1. PORTUGUESE AND MLSTP DELEGATIONS HAVE HELD FOUR NEGOTIATING SESSIONS NOVEMBER 23-25 AND FIFTH IS SCHEDULED FOR LATE AFTERNOON NOVEMBER 25. FACT THAT PRESS HAS BEEN INVITED TO FIFTH SESSION INDICATES AGREEMENT MAY BE SIGNED.

2. PORTUGUESE NEGOTIATING TEAM IS HEADED BY MINISTER FOR INTERTERRITORIAL COORDINATION, DR. ALMEIDA SANTOS AND INCLUDES SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS JORGE CAMPINOS, COMMANDANT MOREIRA AZAVEDO AND CAPTAIN MARQUES RAMOS. MLSTP DELEGATION, HEADED BY EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN RELATIONS MIGUEL TROUVOADA, INCLUDES GASTON TORRES, PEDRO UMBELINA AND JOSE FRET, ALL MEMBERS OF MLSTP POLITICAL BUREAU.

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3. AFTER THIRD SESSION WHICH ENDED EVENING NOVEMBER 24, BOTH DELEGATION LEADERS INDICATED TO PRESS THAT TALKS WERE TAKING PLACE IN POSITIVE ATMOSPHERE AND ACCORD WAS NEAR. TROUBOADA SAID TWO POINTS OF DIFFERENCE REMAINED. ACCORDING TO ALGIERS PRESS, THESE CONCERN MODALITIES OF TRANSFER OF POWER, INCLUDING WHETHER SOME SORT OF REFERENDUM OR CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY WOULD BE ORGANIZED. PRESS SAYS OTHER QUESTIONS YET TO BE RESOLVED ARE DURATION OF TRANSITION PERIOD AND COMPOSITION OF PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT. PRESS ALSO STATES THAT DELEGATIONS HAVE SUCCEEDED IN DRAFTING PROTOCOL ON ALL OTHER POINTS.

4. THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT ALGERIANS PLAYING ANY ROLE BEYOND OFFERING FACILITIES AND HOSPITALITY TO BOTH SIDES. MLSTP DELEGATION WAS MET ON ARRIVAL BY MINHIGHER EDUCATION AND SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS BEN YAHIA BUT HAS NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED BY BOUMEDIENE.
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